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REDUCE OPERATION COSTS IN SALVAGE ENTERPRISE

Since salvage operations got off to a late start and no regular schedules were set up under the Five-Year Plan, an operational plan was drawn up for 1951 in accordance with which the People-Owned Salvage Enterprise began its activity. This operational plan was fulfilled as follows during the first half year:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Percent Fulfilled</u>
Round steel bars	Tons	4,320	3,313	77
Structural steel	"	480	2,653	553
Pipes	"	48	347	723
Scrap iron	"	432	694	160
Other usable metal products	"	12	197	1,642
Cables	Meters	480	20,084	3,343
Bricks, reclaimed	1,000	113	809	716
Ceramic products (clay pipes, fire-resistant material, tiles)	Deutsche marks	994	8,277	426

A special achievement was the lowering of costs. While the private entrepreneurs estimated a cost of 600 to 2,000 Deutsche marks per ton of steel salvaged, the People-Owned Salvage Enterprise has now brought costs down to an average of only 450 Deutsche marks per ton.

In almost all cases, the actual costs have been reduced more than the desired 7 percent below planned costs. An exception, however, is reclaimed bricks, for which the planned costs were exceeded by 92 percent. The following table shows the saving on costs:

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	Unit	Plan Costs per Unit (Deutsche marks)	Quan- tity Re- claimed	Planned Costs for this Quantity (Deutsche marks)	Actual Costs (Deutsche marks)	Reduc- tion in Costs (%)
Round steel bars	Ton	500	3,313	1,656,500	1,544,086	7
Structural steel	"	250	2,655	663,750	314,014	55
Girders	"	250	482	120,500	81,640	32
Pipes	"	1,000	347	347,000	177,932	48
Scrap iron	"	250	694	173,500	56,730	67
Other metal prod- ucts	"	250	197	49,200	30,451	38
Cables	Meter	3	28,000	84,000	41,495	51
Bricks, re- claimed	1,000	40	809,000	32,360	62,222	792

Ceramic products Planned costs equal actual costs

Particularly noteworthy is the high proportion (35 percent) of women working in this enterprise. Seventy-five percent of the workers are working for piecework wages.

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